

## Hear Dr. Washington at 2nd Baptist Church, Mar. 4

### SUCCESS ACHIEVED AFTER LONG YEARS OF STRUGGLE.

Negro Restaurant Keeper Employs Several Bakers, Chefs, Waitresses and Others, Paying Them Over Eighty Dollars a Week in Aggregate Salaries.

### HENRY COMPTON, THE PIONEER CATERER OF THE WEST.

The earliest recollections of Henry Compton date back into the swift receding days of the "Ante Bellum" period just when war was about to make this phrase a thing of the past. He was a mere boy at that time, romping about a sequestered cabin in a village of Jackson county, Mo. This in itself was not unusual, but the business career of this "boy" in after life is not without its charms and varied interests to the race, as well as local people. The tendency of public investigation is to call attention to the solid achievements by members of the race and disallow the empty vociferations of nameless individuals who do nothing real, but manage to keep themselves before the public. And so in making this statement about Mr. Henry Compton as a real business man, the thought is entertained that we are bringing to light a dignified success of a Negro enterprise.

Mr. Compton started life as a cook on a steamboat plying on the Mississippi river between St. Louis and New Orleans, in the palmy days when the maritime trade stood unrivaled. Here, no doubt, he acquired that culinary art which has stood him in such good stead, in his long experience as Caterer.

On coming to Kansas City he engaged in the grocery business with indifferent success. Also, he contracted for house moving (a business which was flourishing at that time) but gave it up to go into the restaurant business, which has occupied his time and attention unto the present day, and which has proven his success.

The "Vision of a Solon" recently revealed this truth: "I see the path of progress has never taken a straight line, but has always been a zigzag course amid the conflicting courses of right and wrong, truth and error." This seems to eloquently sum up the life work of him who is engaged in a business which is naturally of a shifting nature. The restaurant business, superficially studied, is inviting, but when engaged in, soon appears difficult and complicated, so much so that more financial ships have grounded upon the hidden shoals in its sea than any other. If you do not believe this, ask the thousands who have ventured on its waters only to perish!

The "Delmonico Cafe," of which Mr. and Mrs. Compton are the able managers, has been located in various parts of the city, always following the trend of the Negro population upon which it depends solely for its support. When historic Independence avenue was flourishing in the late "Nineties" it was there (under a different name) and at one time it received the influx of patrons at Nineteenth and Grand.

#### THE EDWARDS FUNERAL.

The funeral of the late Harvey R. Edwards held on last Sunday at Allen Chapel at 1 p. m., under the auspices of the Masons and Odd Fellows was one of the most impressive ever held in this city. Scottish Rite services were held at 12 o'clock Saturday night and were attended by a large throng while on Sunday, in spite of the inclement weather, three hundred and sixteen Masons and forty-seven Odd Fellows braved the worst blizzard of the year to pay a last tribute of respect to their chieftain and brother. Melford's excellent Military band headed the procession and the following grand officers were in attendance: Past Grand Master, A. R. Chinn; Past Grand Master, R. T. Coles; W. W. Fields, secretary of Masonic Relief; Deputy Grand Master, Richard Young; Grand Lecturer, E. J. Cooper; Grand Secretary, G. W. K. Love; Grand Junior Warden, F. J. Brown; Grand Senior Deacon, A. L. Thomas; Grand Marshal, Richard P. Wright; Grand Registrar, W. H. Dawley, Jr.; Grand Steward, Geo. W. Edwards.

Splendid resolutions on behalf of the Masonic fraternity were read by Prof. Joe E. Herriford. The obituary was read by Sir W. G. Moseley; Past Grand Master A. R. Chinn delivered a brief address and Rev. W. H. Thomas preached a brief but brilliant sermon. Past Grand Master Coles acted as Master of Ceremonies. The Grand Master, N. C. Crews, assisted by the officers of the grand lodge, conducted the Masonic ceremonies after the resolutions of the Odd Fellows had been read and the services of the Knights Templars had been completed. Owing to the severity of the storm it was impossible to reach the cemetery and the body was returned to the undertaking rooms from whence interment was held on Tuesday morning.

Miss M. E. Clement, 1517 Woodland avenue, who has been quite ill, is out again to the pleasure of her many friends.

### Women's Club Notes

The Sorosis Ladies will meet Monday afternoon with Mrs. R. A. Hughes 318 Garfield Avenue, Kansas City, Kans.

The Valentine Banquet given by the Banquet Club of the Second Christian Church for the benefit of the choir, was a decided success.

Dancing every Wednesday at Armory Hall, Cottage and Vine streets. Prof. Roscoe White and Mrs. Jennie White, instructors. Hall for rent—\$6.00. Bell phone East 308R.

Misses Estelle and Dovie Murray entertained the Shawandasse School Club Wednesday evening, February 18th at their residence, 1300 Woodland Avenue. Many visitors were present. The evening was spent in playing parlor games, whist, and music; after which a dainty luncheon was served. Each departed declaring the Misses Murray charming hostesses.

Miss Ruby Locke entertained with breakfast Sunday morning for the "Ka-Sees." Covers were laid for twelve. The centerpiece was a huge basket of red carnations and ferns, under which the favors with red streamers extending to each plate were hidden. Souvenir bows of the



PROF. R. G. JACKSON. This is a new cut from a recent photograph of one whom the Editor considers the greatest pipe organist of the race, and a musician of rare attainment and temperament.

#### NOTICE.

The Kansas City Sun can be found on sale at the following prominent places:

Palace Barber Shop, 19th and Vine streets; Shumacher's News Stand, 18th and Highland; Unthanks' Drug Store, Independence and Harrison; Tucker's News Stand, 12th and Vine.



DR. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

Who will speak at the Second Baptist Church, Tenth and Charlotte streets, Wednesday night, March 4, 1914.

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The foremost citizen of his race and one of the greatest living Americans today who is known as the "Wizard of Tuskegee" and whose magnificent institution at Tuskegee deserves to rank as one of the wonders of the world, will be in Kansas City next Wednesday and will deliver an address under the auspices of the local league, a branch of the National Negro Business League, of which Dr. Washington is president, at the Second Baptist Church, for the benefit of the Women's League Working Girls' Home, and the price of admission will be 25 and 35 cents. After the lecture a banquet will be tendered Dr. Washington in the parlors of the church by the local league and the citizens. Dr. Washington has requested that the prices be made so small that the humblest members of the race may be able to attend. Tickets for both the lecture and the banquet may be obtained from any member of the Business League or of the Women's League. And it is confidently predicted that 2,000 people will hear this distinguished representative of a rising race. A splendid program has been arranged in connection with Mr. Washington's lecture. The Business League intends to make this the banner event of the year. During the day Mr. Washington will visit Western University, and several of the public schools on both sides of the line, and also the rooms of the local league.

Club colors were tied on the handle of each grape fruit basket. A delightful menu was served.

It appears that the Cosmopolitan Club intends to maintain the lofty position it has recently gained in the minds of the public. On last Tuesday evening they were the hosts of a stag party with Prof. J. Dallas Bowser as the principal speaker. There were also invited twenty-three other guests among whom were Prof. G. A. Page, principal of Attucks School, Dr. Bunch and R. E. L. Bailey, each of whom delivered a very appropriate address which was immensely enjoyed by all present. Prof. Bowser had for his topic, "Idealism," which he treated as only one of his eloquence and ability could do. The menu which was prepared by the chairman of the entertainment committee was the subject of much favorable comment by the various guests. It was as follows:

Shrimps "Ala-Du-Se." Demitasse, Club Sandwiches Sherry. Cigars. Cigarettes.

YOU PEOPLE TO WHOM WE HAVE MAILED STATEMENTS, WHY DON'T YOU PAY UP? OR AT LEAST BE KIND ENOUGH TO ANSWER OUR LETTERS WHICH WERE SENT YOU?

**Skeptic's Question.**  
Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, the eminent English divine, said that, as soon as a man loses his religion, he wants to know who Cain's wife was.—The Congregationalist.

**Better Gas Lights.**  
Gas mantles which have become so discolored that they give a bad light can be made almost new by sprinkling a pinch or two of fine salt over them while alight.

**When Document is Valuable.**  
"Father, what is the Constitution?" "My son, it is a document that is most sacred to the party that is not in power."—New York Sun.

**To Remove Spots From Varnish.**  
One of the best substances to use in removing spots from varnished surfaces is butter. The stronger the better.

**Partly True, Anyway.**  
The man who thinks he has learned all he can, has merely learned all he will—at least until his hatband shrinks.

**Naturally.**  
When a grass widow attends a hop, of course she is a grass-hopper.—Florida Times-Union.

### UNCLE EPH.

Uncle Eph. is passing—bare the head. Let no words of scorn or shame e'er be said. For he wrought as doth the mole. Rave that light shone in his soul. And his like comes not again—bare the head.

Uncle Eph. is passing—low the knee. For, whatever the future holds, still true he be. Who hath fathered well the race. And his grave yet kindly face. Conspires wrong, and grief and death—low the knee.

Uncle Eph. is passing—whisper low. While the mild and soothing tears gently flow. Who but he the way could tread Through the living and the dead. And survive the dread ordeal—whisper low.

Uncle Eph. is passing—let us pray: Grant, on wondrous Lord of Hosts, in our day. We may rise to equal height By our standards and our light. And the glory shall be Thine—so we pray.

—Tilford Davis, Jr.

### HIGHLAND AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH.

We, the members of the board and officers of Highland Avenue Baptist Church, wish to announce that Rev. Lee H. Mills of Atlanta, Ga., has kindly consented to conduct services for us Sunday, March 1.

**Order of Services.**  
11 a. m.—Praying, subject, "Christ's Yoke."  
1 p. m.—Sunday school.  
3 p. m.—Communion Services.  
8 p. m.—Praying, subject, "The Penitent Malefactor."  
THOS. H. BAILEY, F. H. LEE, Deacons.  
B. J. KNOX, Reporter.

### A CHANCE FOR EVERYBODY.

An opportunity for the School teacher, school boys and girls to win three valuable prizes for the best ad of twenty-five words describing the Tango Sundae on a Blazer at Smith's Drug Store at 18th and Tracy avenue. Send your suggestions in at once. Each purchase entitles you to a suggestion. The Contest will close one week before Easter. The first prize is \$5 in gold; second prize is a first class tennis racket; third prize one year's subscription to the Kansas City Sun. The names of the winners will be published Easter Sunday in the Kansas City Sun.

### GET BUSY!

### VINE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

Mrs. John Reed is doing well after undergoing an operation at the Provident Hospital. Much credit is due Dr. Perry for the skillful manner in which he performed this difficult operation. We hope for her a speedy recovery....On account of the cold weather the revival services are not largely attended....Several additions have been made to the church. All are invited to attend....Morning and evening services were not well attended on account of the extreme cold weather. Our pastor, Dr. T. H. Ewing preached a good sermon in the morning and Rev. D. Phelps preached an excellent sermon in the evening.

The XX History and Art Club met Feb. 26th with Mrs. Bert Crane, 1621 Cottage avenue. Current events were led by Mrs. Mabel Dixon and a delightful program was rendered as follows: Piano solo, Mrs. Bert Crane; vocal solo, Mrs. E. Hendricks; reading from Dunbar, Mrs. Sol. Smith; instrumental solo, Miss Catharine Washington. Visitors were Mesdames Cecil Thompson, R. P. Jackson and J. N. Mitchell and an elegant luncheon was served by the hostess. The club meets March 5th with Mrs. W. McElhenny, 1708 Michigan. MRS. WM. SNELL, Club Reporter.

### MASONIC.

Some of these days some brave Masons are going to get together and rewrite the burial ceremonies for each of the departments so as not only to shorten them, but to bring them into touch with modern spirit.

Each ceremony appears to have been written without regard for any other and the higher the rank of the degree, the longer and more tedious are the ceremonies. They are positively tiresome, especially as they are usually carried out.

There was a time when ceremonies were interesting to the public but the time has passed. What formerly interested them now bores them and the demand for reforms will not be stilled much longer. Perhaps it would be better to carry out all the ceremonies in private, thus making a better showing of sincerity in our grief and eliminating the physical endurance features of our public appearances.

—Herriford.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to sincerely thank each and everyone of our friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy shown us during the sickness and death of our beloved husband and father, Harvey Edwards, also for the beautiful floral offerings.

For days he bore his pain, To look for cure was all in vain Till God above thought it best To ease his pain and give him rest.

Friends may think the wound is healed, But they little know the sorrow That lies within our hearts concealed.—Mrs. Harvey Edwards and Family.

### EVERYBODY IS GOING

Everybody is going to Smith's Drug Store to try the famous Tango Sundae on a Blazer.

The following is a list of distinguished guests and popular society people who have visited and declared the Tango Sundae to be the most delicious they have ever eaten.

### Is Your Name in the List?

The Ka-Sees Girls in a body, and the following Club members: Mrs. P. C. Steward, Mrs. L. E. Woods, Mrs. C. A. Washington, also Mrs. E. R. Whitmore, Miss Ida P. Bell, Miss Armetta Jarrett, Miss Williams, Mrs. E. C. Bunch, Mrs. Elizabeth Stokes, and Mrs. White.

Mrs. A. Williams, Mrs. T. L. Patton, Miss Susie Pearl, Miss Anna Caro, Miss Hall, Miss Hubert, and Ramsey, Mr. Torrey Brown, Mrs. Tilford Davis, Jr., K. C. K., Mrs. J. Lewis Jamieson, K. C. K.

Mrs. Dorsey, Mrs. Brown, Miss Stella Washington, Miss Coleman, Mr. Carter, Mrs. D. A. Willie, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. T. B. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin, Dr. E. C. Bunch, Mrs. B. L. Fisher, Mrs. A. E. Osborne of Los Angeles, Calif.

Miss Ruth Bradley, Mrs. D. N. Crosthwaite, Professor Work, Miss Victoria Newsome, Dr. Bruce, Miss Della Newsome, Prof. T. B. Stewart, Professor White, Professor Holder, Miss Grace White, Mr. N. G. Walker, Dr. Kane, Dr. Lowe, Mrs. Susan Chimes, Mrs. Annie Garrett, Mrs. Daisy McKnight, Miss Viola Robinson, Miss Ethylene Wilson, the Misses Martin, Miss Ambia Reese, Mr. T. Lewis, Mr. Eugene Vaughan, Mr. Johnnie Banks, Miss Pauline Vaughn, Miss Ferlow, Mrs. E. Baldwin, Mr. Hugh Jones, Miss Josephine Yates, Mr. Phillip Johnson, Miss Stella Hutchings, Miss Mary Jones, Mr. Phil Tilford, Mr. Tim Cooper, Miss Overton, Mr. Arthur Harris, Mrs. Sally C. Rodgers, Dr. Holly, Miss Dell, Miss Annie Bell, Montgomery, Dr. Hopkins, Mr. Thurman, Miss Sadie Rodgers, Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Bradbury, Mr. Moore, Miss Jarrett, Mrs. Washington, Mr. Blue, Miss Bessie Jacobs.

The names of visitors will continue to be published until our formal opening of the Soda Season, Easter Sunday. Yourself and friends are cordially invited to come and try the delicious Tango.

Meet me at Smith's after the show after church or after the dance, where we can sit and talk the matter over and enjoy eating one of those Thrilling Tangos. Eighteenth and Tracy is the place.



MR. F. J. WEAVER.

The President of the Negro Business League and Kansas City's foremost business man who will have charge of the Booker Washington reception next Wednesday night.

### BANK MESSENGERS.

The men composing the organization are: Mr. George Teeters of the S. W. National Bank of Commerce; Richard Allen, and Frank Scott, First National Bank; Austin Young, Interstate National Bank; C. A. Morgan and I. H. Neal, Bank of the Republic; Tom Gamble, Peoples' Bank; Will Scott and J. H. Harworth, National Reserve Bank; W. A. Green, Fidelity Trust Co.; J. H. Green, Pioneer Trust Co.; Robert Sneed, Traders' National Bank; Don Rife, Gate City Bank; George Fowler, Missouri Savings Bank; G. A. Hickum, Western Exchange Bank; J. H. Dixon, Corn Belt Bank; Jack C. Thornton, German-American Bank; Arthur A. Hedsoe, Commonwealth National Bank; H. W. Hart, Drovers; Arthur Moppin, State Bank of Kansas City; Irving Johnson, Terminal Trust Co.; B. Ball, Southwest Boulevard Bank, and W. S. Gaines, Mexican Trust Co.



MR. THOS. JACKSON. Worshipful Master of Mt. Olive Lodge No. 53, A. F. & A. M., who is making a splendid record this Masonic year.

"Charity covers a multitude of sins," quoted the Wise Guy. "Yes, but it is generally our charity and other people's sins," added the Simple Mug.

### A MAGNIFICENT BANQUET

The Bank Messengers and Employees Club Give a Delightful Social Affair at the Famous Delmonico Cafe, Last Monday Night.

### MANY PROMINENT GUESTS PRESENT

The Bank Messengers and Employees Social Club, a recently formed organization, gave its initial banquet on last Monday night, February 23, at the Delmonico Cafe on Eighteenth street near Paseo. The spacious dining room was handsomely decorated for the occasion and the three long banquet tables, which extended the length of the room, were brilliantly and beautifully decorated with cut glass, palms and cut flowers furnished by the Weaver Floral Co., and a choice gift of four dozen beautiful white carnations from the Alpha Floral Co. The members of the Club, their families and friends assembled at the elegant Palace Drug Store, 19th and Vine streets, and at 8:30 led by President Richard Allen and in order arranged by the Committee, they marched over to the Delmonico and were ushered to their seats by Messrs. Teeters, Rife and Sneed. During the evening high class vocal and instrumental music was furnished by the interesting and accomplished Anderson family, late of England. When all had been assigned to their places, the President asked all to stand while the invocation was delivered by Rev. W. H. Thomas, D. D., after which the President introduced Mr. Don Rife of the Gate City Bank, as Master of Ceremonies. Mr. Rife briefly stated the formation and purposes of their organization and announced amid much applause, that the President, Richard Allen, had served twenty-nine years as Messenger of the First National Bank. Next to him was Austin Young of the Interstate National, who had been a Bank Messenger for twenty-eight years, and Mr. Geo. W. Teeters of the Southwest National Bank of Commerce, who has been a Messenger for twenty-two years. An elegant menu was served, as follows:

**MENU**  
Olives Oyster Cocktail Celery  
Roast Turkey  
(Oyster Dressing—Cranberry Sauce)  
Creamed Potatoes Hot Rolls  
French Peas in Cases  
Roman Punch  
Combination Salad Wafers  
Neapolitan Ice Cream Mints  
Assorted Cakes  
Cafe Noir

While this delightful menu was being discussed the Toastmaster called upon the following gentlemen, who responded with eloquent and entertaining remarks: Attorney L. A. Knox, Dr. J. Edgar Dibble, Rev. S. W. Bacone, D. D., Rev. W. H. Thomas, D. D., Editor N. C. Crews, Prof. G. A. Page and Bishop H. B. Parks of Chicago. All of the gentlemen spoke in an optimistic vein of the possibilities of the race and urged upon the members of the Club of being prompt in their duties, courteous in their manner, and loyal to their employers and their institutions. The following guests were present:

Richard Allen, Nelson C. Crews, Mrs. Carrie E. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dixon, Mrs. J. M. Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Don Rife, L. A. Knox, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Dibble, Mr. G. W. Teeters, Miss Alice M. Shores, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sneed, Bishop H. B. Parks, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Thomas, Rev. and Mrs. S. W. Bacone, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Franklin, C. H. Counts, Miss Maude Olden, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Morgan, Miss Zola Pigeon, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Blodsoe, Dr. and Mrs. M. B. Jones, F. I. Scott, Miss Belle Scott, Mr. B. Little, Mrs. W. E. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Stimmetz, Mr. and Mrs. George Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Moppin, Mr. J. R. Haworth, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Doyle, Mr. I. H. Neal, Mrs. H. B. Bailey, Mrs. Essie Smith, Mrs. J. C. Day, Mr. G. S. Sims, Mrs. Lottie Burles, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hickum, Miss Hazel Hickum, Prof. G. A. Page, Mr. Austin Young, Miss William Young, Mr. C. J. West, Mr. and Mrs. William Green, Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Jones, Mr. S. G. Gamble, Mr. and Mrs. William Moore, Mr. Irvin Johnson, Mrs. Lewis Moseley, Mr. and Mrs. B. Ball, Mr. J. E. Carpenter, Miss M. Ball, H. W. Hart, Mrs. C. A. Smith, Mr. S. F. Jones, Mr. J. H. Harmon, Mr. William H. Washington, Miss Anna B. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gaines, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Williams, Mr. A. A. Anderson and family. The officers of this Club are Richard Allen, president; Robt. Sneed, vice president; W. A. Scott, secretary, and G. W. Teeters, treasurer.